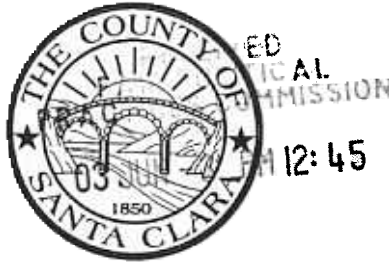


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**RE: Comments on Public Generally Regulations as Applied to General Plan
Decisions (June 5, 2003 Meeting, Agenda Item # 5)**

Dear Chair Randolph and Commissioners:

Our office supports the regulatory amendments proposed by the County of San Diego Office of County Counsel. The proposed amendments strike a fair and appropriate balance between the need to prevent officials from voting on matters in which they may have a conflict of interest and the rights of the public to have their elected representatives vote on important public policy matters.

Thank you for considering our input on the proposed regulations.

Very truly yours,

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